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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Records Management Division

Winchester, VA 22602-4843

September 7, 2012

Russ Atkinson



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Re: Novel: "Cached Out"

Dear Mr. Atkinson,

This letter is in response to your request of August 16, 2012, for review of the above referenced novel for publication pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Prepublication Review Policy (PRP) and Prepublication Review Manual (POL05-001-RMD).

Your submission was reviewed pursuant to the terms of the PRP and we concluded that none of the information presented falls within a restricted area of disclosure. Therefore, there is no objection to the publication of your novel as presented.

You may include your past FBI employment as part of your biographical data, providing that the FBI is given no more emphasis than other similar biographical information. In addition, please incorporate a disclaimer advising readers that the opinions expressed in the novel are yours and not those of the FBI.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [redacted] at 540-868-1697 or via e-mail at [redacted]. Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

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Sincerely,

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section

PREPUB-7783

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PREPUBLICATION REVIEW OFFICE INPUT SHEET

Prepub #: PPR12-222

Date/Method of Receipt: 8/16/12

Requestor/Author Information:

Name: Atkinson, Russ

Address

[Redacted Address Box]

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Telephone:

[Redacted Telephone Box]

Fax:

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Email:

Title/Description:

# of pages:

~~358~~ 472

Novel: "Cached Out"

[Fiction]

Assignment Information:

Assigned to:

[Redacted Assigned to Box]

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Difficulty:

Simple

Medium

Difficult

Estimated Completion Date:

Closed:

9/7/12

Date of Response Letter:

9/7/12

Miscellaneous:

Draft 2

Was told to stop review of 1st draft. See emails  
hence date and pg# change.

## Held for Ransom - Draft 2

Russ Atkinson [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2012 3:19 PM

**To:** FBI.PREPUB

**Attachments:** Cached Out Draft2.doc (1 MB)

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Okay, here it is. Please review.  
Russ

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**Re: Novel: Cached Out**

Russ Atkinson [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2012 2:38 PM**To:** FBI.PREPUB

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[REDACTED]

Thank you for the response, but please hold off. I decided the book is too long and I am doing a substantial edit to cut it down right now as we speak. I should have a second draft ready by the end of the week that will be at least 100 pages shorter. If you've already started it, your time hasn't been wasted, as I have made very few changes to the beginning, but I suggest you do no more until you get my second draft. I'm sorry for the false start.

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Russ

On Tue, Aug 14, 2012 at 11:19 AM, FBI.PREPUB [REDACTED] wrote:

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Russ,

I apologize for my delayed response, but I was out on vacation. I have received your novel for review. Keep in mind we have the 30 working day time frame, which may be extended due to lengthy or complex cases. I look forward to reading your work. Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

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**From:** Russ Atkinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 07, 2012 10:48 AM  
**To:** FBI.PREPUB  
**Subject:** Re: Novel: Cached Out

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[REDACTED]

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It is in Microsoft Word form (1997 version, i.e. .doc, not .docx) zipped. If you have any trouble receiving it, I can upload it to my website and you can download it from there.

Russ Atkinson

On Fri, Jul 27, 2012 at 8:29 AM, FBI.PREPUB [REDACTED] wrote:

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Sounds great! I look forward to it.

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FYI, My first novel, Held for Ransom, which your office approved in 2001 and which I self-published in 2011, is doing quite well, especially among retired agents.

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**Re: Novel: Cached Out**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 07, 2012 10:48 AM**To:** FBI.PREPUB**Attachments:** Cached Out Draft 1.zip (510 KB)

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